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TITLE: METHOD, SYSTEM, AND PROGRAM FOR ACCESSING FILES IN A FILE  
SYSTEM

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to a third non-final office action ("Third Office Action") entered in the above case on November 7, 2002. In the Third Office Action, the Examiner rejected all pending claims 1-36 as obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) in view of cited art. Applicants have amended claims 1, 10, and 19 and added claims 37-39. Applicants traverse the rejections for the reasons discussed herein and submit that the pending claims 1-39 are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance.

This Amendment is submitted in accordance with the Revised Amendment Format, set forth in the Pre-OG notice dated January 31, 2003, in which the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121 were waived.

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